Waiting list for LPG connections in Assam

866. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of PETROELUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in the waiting list for LPG connections in Assam as on 31st January, 2000;

(b) by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared;

(c) the number of LPG connections proposed to be released during the current financial year in Assam; and

(d) the number of LPG connections released in the State during the last 3 years, District-wise/year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) The number of persons on the waiting list registered with the LPG distributors of the Public Sector Oil Companies in the State of Assam as on 31st January, 2000 is 34969.

(b) and (c) New connections are released in a phased manner throughout the country depending on the LPG availability, waiting list, slack available with the distributors and their viability. However, the Govt. has a plan to release one crore LPG connections during the year 2000 to clear all waiting list registered with the distributors of PSU Oil Comapnies as on 1-12-1999.

(d) The number of connections released in the State during the last three years is given in the statement.

Statement

District-wise release of new LPG connections in Assam

Fig. in Nos.

District	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Bongaigaon	790	900	1768
Borpeta	1653	2405	5605

Fig. in Nos.

District	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Cachar	2273	3135	3213
Dhemaji	177	170	594
Dhubri	1169	5011	3472
Dibrugarh	2467	3243	6827
Golapara	196	665	434
Golaghat	1519	1922	2550
Jorhat	2066	3382	4358
Kamrup	7379	13100	20138
Karbi Anglong	379	463	1014
Kokrajhar	117	21	00
Morigaon	517	1144	1400
Nagaon	3177	6186	4664
Nalberi	367	680	838
Sibsagar	1705	1862	3661
Sonitpur	1773	2988	7048
Tinsukia	1408	3223	4735
Darrang	367	686	635
Hailakandi	289	503	585
Karim Ganj	1417	4321	3624
N.C. Hills	330	996	464

Fig. in Nos.

District	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Lakhimpur	721	2462	2571

Annual LPG Consumption in Himachal Pradesh

867. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of annual LPG consumption in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of LPG required for domestic and commercial use separately in the State during the current year; and

(c) by when, this requirement is likely to be fulfilled by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The estimated demand of LPG in Himachal Pradesh for the current year (1999-2000) for the domestic and commercial use is 53.7 TMT and 2.58 TMT respectively.

(c) The LPG demand of the existing customers in the State is being met by and large in full.

Report of Nitish Sengupta Committee

868. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nitish Sengupta panel for Petroleum sector had submitted its Report to Government;

(b) if so, the highlights of the Report;

(c) how many recommendations are accepted by Government; and

(d) the reasons of non-acceptance of remaining recommendations (Recommendations-wise)?